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Workshop Report: Role of Environmental Chemicals in the Development of Diabetes and Obesity (January 11-13, 2011)

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Diabetes and Obesity Are Major Risks to Public Health

- 12.9% of people ≥ 20 of age in US estimated to have diabetes
- Worldwide 220 million, expected 366 million by 2030 (WHO)
- ~70% of type 2 diabetes risk attributed to overweight/obesity
 - ~30% not accounted for by body weight
- 33.8% of US adults are obese
- Prevalence of obesity almost tripled since 1980 in 2-19 year olds
- Increased obesity in preschool children aged 2-5 years from 5% in 1976-1980 to 10.4% in 2007-2008



Overall Goals of Workshop

- Evaluate the science associating exposure to certain chemicals or chemical classes with development of diabetes or obesity in humans

Arsenic

Bisphenol A (BPA)

Trialkyltins ("Organotins")

Maternal Smoking

Persistent organic pollutants (POPs)

Pesticides

Phthalates

Nicotine

- Provide input to NTP and NIEHS for development of a research agenda





Format

- Bring together diverse expertise
 - Epidemiologist, toxicologists, bioinformaticists, and experts in the pathobiology of disease
- Mostly breakout group deliberations
 - Focus on diabetes and/or obesity, depending on chemical
 - Charge questions and background materials tailored to suit each breakout group
 - General charge questions
 - Evaluate evaluate the strength/weaknesses, consistency, and biological plausibility
 - Identify the most useful and relevant endpoints and best practices
 - Identify data gaps and research needs
- Workshop materials at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/36433>



Consider Data from Tox21 High Throughput Screening

- Collaborative program among EPA, FDA, NIEHS/NTP, and NIH Chemical Genomics Center
 - Includes a variety of assay platforms/technologies
- Tox21 data incorporated into several chapters and sessions
 - Introduce researchers to Tox21
 - Mostly data from Phase 1 of EPA's ToxCast™ program
 - Stimulate discussion on how to best assess applications of Tox21 data
 - Help determine biological plausibility of reported effects
 - Use to identify research questions
 - Identify additional assay targets/technologies for diabetes/obesity



Major Conclusions

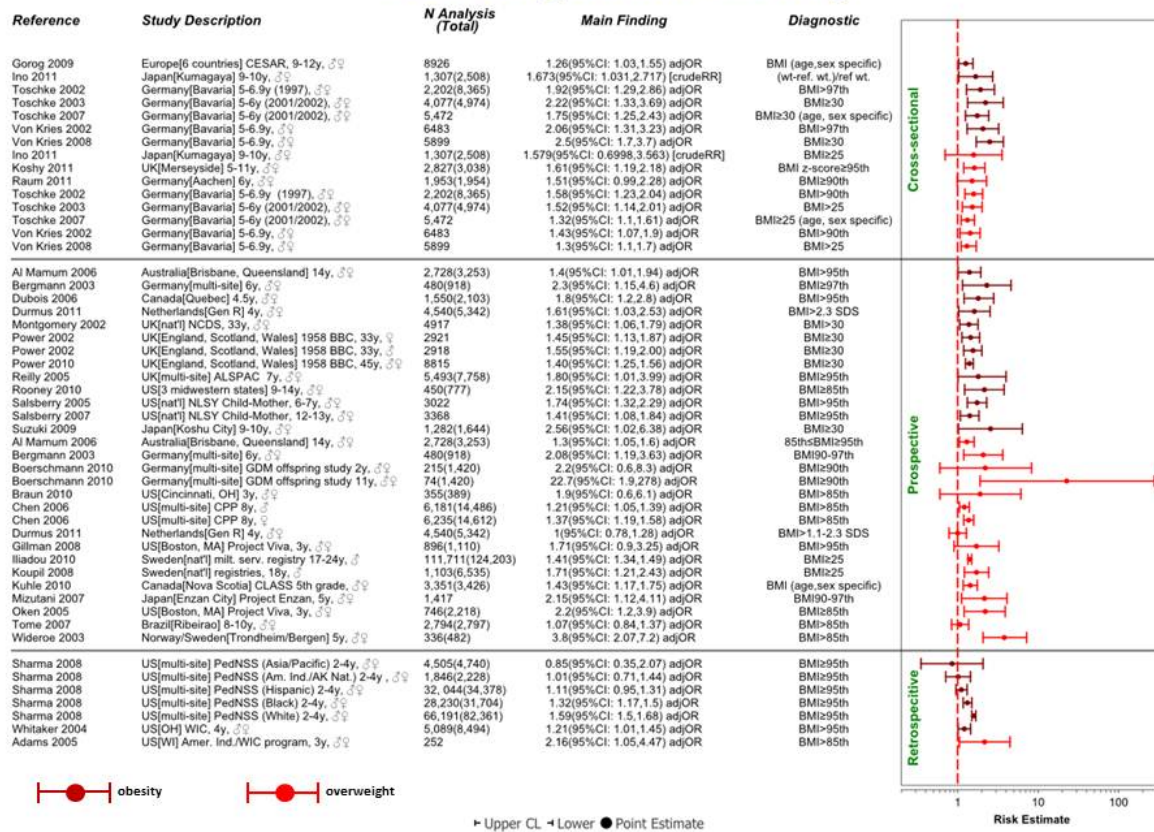
- Positive associations in epidemiological studies
 - Maternal smoking during pregnancy and childhood obesity
 - Arsenic in areas of high exposure and diabetes
 - Certain chlorinated persistent organic pollutants and diabetes (PCBs, DDT/DDE, Agent Orange/TCDD in Vietnam vets, trans-nonachlor)
- Support for biological plausibility from animal and mechanistic studies
 - Organotins as developmental “obesogens”
 - BPA and altered glucose homeostasis and adiposity-related effects
 - Organophosphate and other pesticides
- Tox21 an intriguing tool for assessing biological plausibility and developing research questions



Maternal Smoking and Childhood Obesity

- Maternal smoking during pregnancy is associated with increased risk of childhood overweight/obesity
 - Animal studies with nicotine reproduce “to a large extent” metabolic changes seen in the children of mothers who smoke
 - Provides support for plausibility of “obesogen” hypothesis
 - Mechanistic studies suggest biologically plausible associations of nicotine with the disruption of pathways important in obesity and diabetes (e.g., effects on beta cell mass and function)
 - Many “disease pathways” remain unexplored
 - Insulin signaling, feeding behavior, peripheral inflammation, insulin resistance, etc.
 - Less support for linkage to Type 1 diabetes in human studies

Maternal Smoking During Pregnancy and Childhood Overweight and Obesity

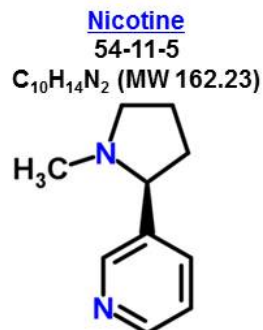




Nicotine and ToxCast™

- Nicotine not in ToxCast™
- Nicotinic acetylcholine receptor (nAChRs) assay
- Some ToxCast™ Phase 1 compounds interact with key receptor target

Name	CASRN	NVS_LGIC_hNNR_NBungSens (uM)
Acetamiprid	135410-20-7	5.7
Clothianidin	210880-92-5	30.0
Cyazofamid	120116-88-3	26.0
Imidacloprid	138261-41-3	9.7
Mepiquat chloride	24307-26-4	35.0
Thiacloprid	111988-49-9	4.9

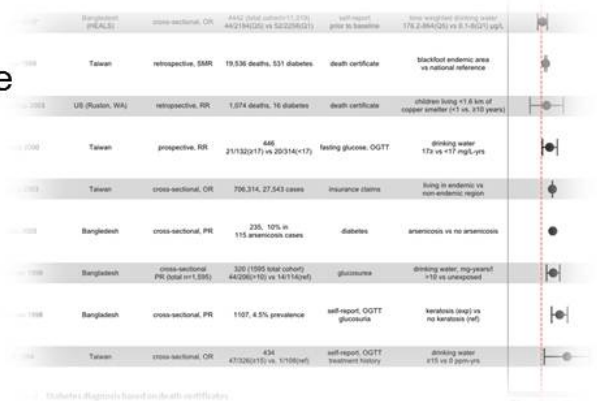


Use: Alkaloid found in the nightshade family of plants (Solanaceae) that constitutes approximately 0.6–3.0% of dry weight of tobacco. Considered the main factor responsible for dependence forming properties for tobacco use
Mechanism: binds to nicotinic acetylcholine receptors (nAChRs)



Arsenic and Diabetes

- “Limited” to “sufficient” in support of an association between arsenic and diabetes in populations with high exposure levels
 - Bangladesh and Taiwan
- “Insufficient” evidence for an association with diabetes and arsenic in lower exposure areas, e.g., US, Mexico
 - More recent studies suggestive of an association
- Overall, animal data inconclusive but recent studies support a linkage
 - Mechanistic studies also supportive
- Not tested in Tox21





POPs

- Complex literature, many human studies
- Needed expert input prior to developing text-based chapter
 - ~50 page table of study summaries, ~500 main results
 - Too large of a literature to look for patterns in text-based format
- Developed Meta Data Viewer graphing program to screen studies
 - Developed by Shawn Harris, SRA International

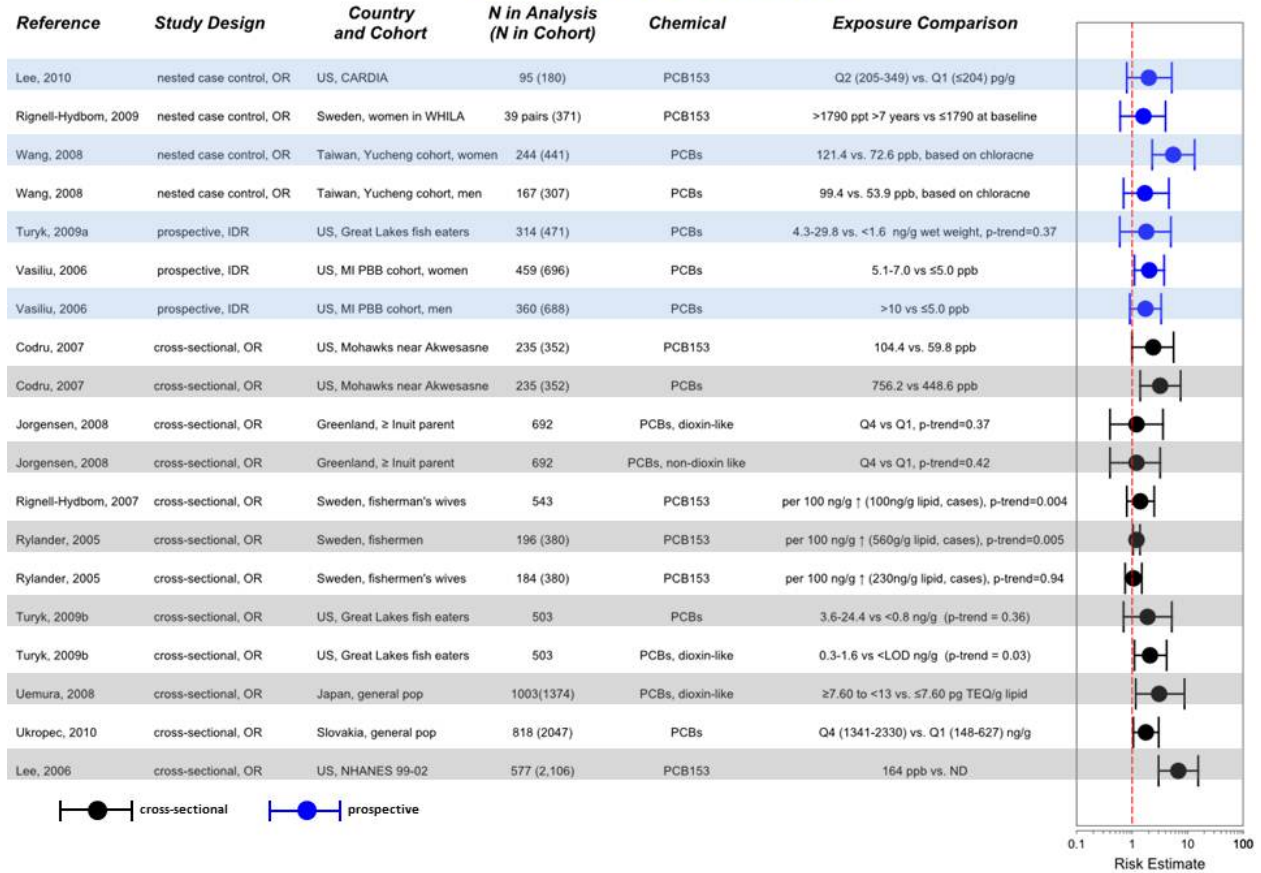
- ## Meta Data Viewer Software



POPs and Diabetes

- Using the forest plot generator, identified classes of POPs that should be considered together
- Evidence is “sufficient” for an association with diabetes based on collected analyses of cross-sectional, prospective/retrospective, and occupational exposure studies
 - Initial data-mining indicates strongest correlations of diabetes with trans-nonachlor, DDE, and dioxins/dioxin-like chemicals including PCBs
- Animal studies not primary focus of breakout group discussion
 - Existing literature generally considered of limited utility
- Not tested in Tox21

PCBs and Diabetes

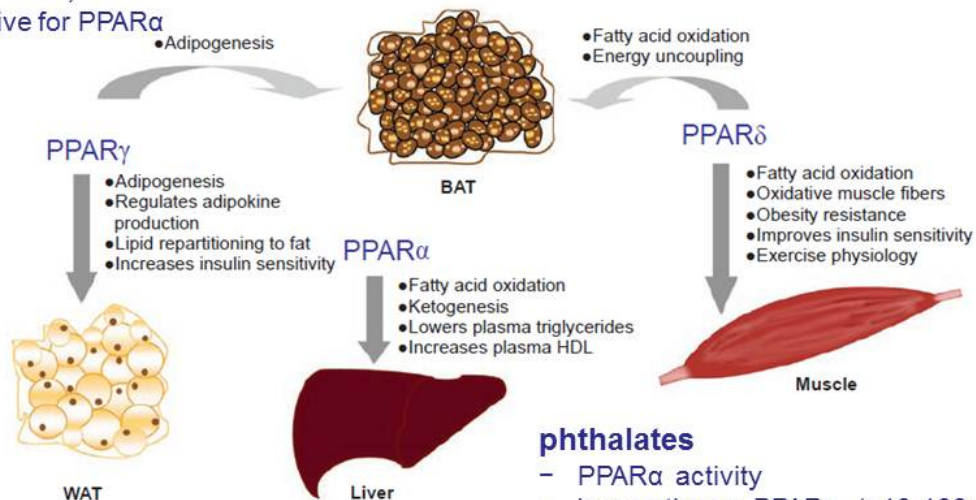




Peroxisome Proliferator-Activated Receptors (PPARs) – Organotins and Phthalates

organotins

- potent PPAR γ and RXR α agonist (~10-100 nM)
- not active for PPAR α



phthalates

- PPAR α activity
- less active on PPAR γ (~10-100 μ M)

From Wang YX. 2010. PPARs: diverse regulators in energy metabolism and metabolic diseases. Cell Res 20(2):124-137.



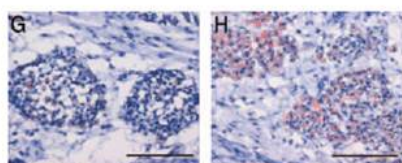
Organotins/Phthalates

- Human studies are “insufficient” (phthalates) or nonexistent (organotins) for evaluating an association with diabetes or obesity
- Recent mechanistic studies show potent effects of tributyltin on adipogenesis of adipose-derived stem cells and PPAR γ and retinoid X receptor (RXR) activation
 - Mechanistic support stronger for organotins
- Animal phthalate data are problematic because of PPAR α contribution; relatively few animal studies on organotins
- ToxCast™ generally consistent with published literature (PPAR, RXR)
- Basis for recommending combination studies from co-occurrence in plastics

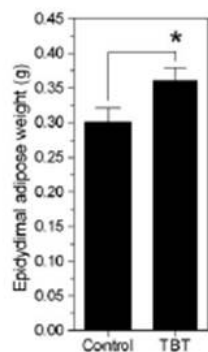


Tributyltin as Inducer of Adipogenesis (Grun et al., 2006)

- C57BL/6 dams treated with 0.5 mg/kg TBT by ip injection on GD12-18; looked at effects in F1 offspring:
 - ↑ lipid accumulation in adipose depots, liver and testis in neonates
 - ↑ epididymal adipose mass in adult male offspring



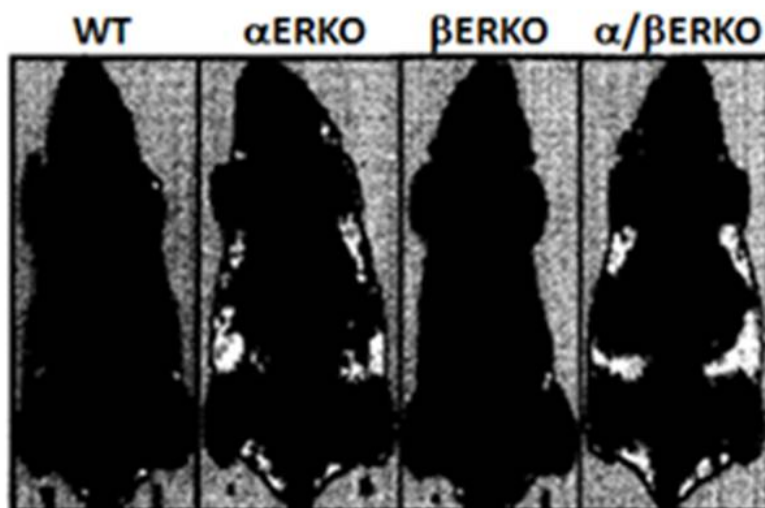
Control TBT
Mammary adipose tissue in neonates
(Oil red O stain)



F1 males at 10 weeks



Body Weight Crude Indicator of Adiposity in Rodents



DXA/image analysis of fat content in 4-month old males; areas with more than 50% fat are shown in white (Ohlsson et al. 2000)

*No difference in body weight (wild-type = 33.0 ± 1.1 g; α ERKO = 31.6 ± 0.9 g)



Pesticides

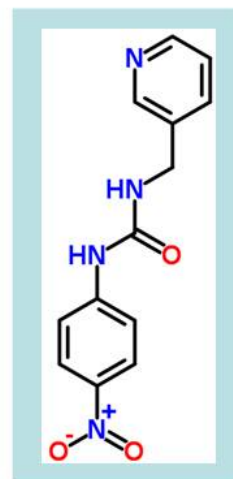
- Most exploratory aspect of workshop
 - Identify pesticides that can serve as “sign post” for metabolic effects based on human and animal data
 - Published literature and EPA’s ToxRefDB
 - Link to ToxCast™ data when possible



Vacor

- Rodenticide used from 1975-1979
 - Banned due to high number of human poisonings
 - Can cause Type 1 diabetes in animal models
- Damages pancreatic islet cells in animal models
- Nicotinamide antagonist
- ROS and inhibition of complex 1 of mitochondrial respiration in animal models

Not tested in Tox21





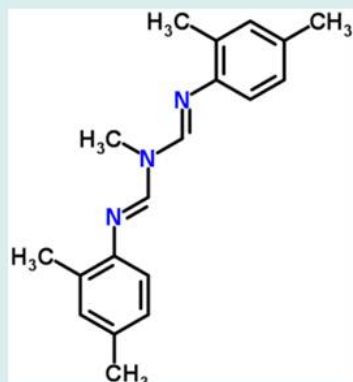
Amitraz

- Insecticide that causes hyperglycemia following poisoning incidents
- Also causes hyperglycemia and reduced insulin secretion in animal models (dogs, rats, mice, honey bees)
- $\alpha 2$ -adrenoreceptor agonist
 - $\alpha 2$ -adrenoreceptor antagonists block effects

Amitraz

33089-61-1

$C_{19}H_{23}N_3$ (MW 293.41)



Use: amidine insecticide

Mechanism: $\alpha 2$ -adrenoreceptors agonist



Amitraz in ToxCast™

Table 8. Pattern of screening data for Amitraz and other chemicals tested in Phase 1 of ToxCast™ that interacted with same assay targets¹

CASRN	Name	adrenergic receptor, α-2A (ADRA2A)	adrenergic receptor, α-2A (Adra2a)	monoamine oxidase A (NVS ENZ rab12C)	serotonin receptor 7 (HTR7)	adrenergic receptor, α-2b (Adra2b)	serotonin receptor 1A (Htr1a)
33089-61-1	Amitraz	0.05	0.06	0.16	0.45	1.03	1.8
43222-48-6	Difenzoquat metilsulfate	1.07	3.18	27.1	47.1	0.59	
155569-91-8	Emamectin benzoate	21.3	20.8		4	23.5	
68157-60-8	Forchlorfenuron	22.1	40		48.5		
67747-09-5	Prochloraz		1.83		39.4	4.7	
118134-30-8	Spiroxamine	6.82	29.7		14.4		
119446-68-3	Difenoconazole		2.36			29.5	
76-87-9	Fentin	5.79			0.2		
35554-44-0	Imazalil			42.4		12.4	
87820-88-0	Tralkoxydim	21.8				7.41	

¹Data presented as active concentration (AC₅₀) in μM. Based on assay targets most relevant for effects on glucose control (i.e., excludes whole cell toxicity, genes involved in immune/inflammation)

effects											
ToxRefAppendix.xlsx											
A		B		C		D	E	F	G		
1	Assay	Name (gene symbol)	Official Full Name	AC ₅₀	Fenthion				Return to		
Chemical a	2	BSK BE3C uPAR up	PLAUR	plasminogen activator, urokinase receptor	1.48						
	3	BSK hDfCG PA11 up	SERPINI3	serpin peptidase inhibitor, clade E (nexin, plasminogen activator inhibitor type 1), member 3	1.48						
	4	NVS ADME hCYP2J2	CYP2J2	cytochrome P450, family 2, subfamily J, polypeptide 2	1.65						
	5	NVS ADME hCYP2C6	Cyp2c6	cytochrome P450, family 2, subfamily C, polypeptide 6	2.07						
	6	NVS ADME hCYP2C19	CYP2C19	cytochrome P450, family 2, subfamily C, polypeptide 19	2.33						
	7	NVS ADME hCYP1A2	CYP1A2	cytochrome P450, family 1, subfamily A, polypeptide 2	2.6						
Imazalil (35554-44)	8	BSK LPS MPC1 up	CCL2	chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 2	4.44						
Imazalil (35554-44)	9	NVS MP iPBR	Tspo	translocator protein (18kDa)	5.57						
	10	NVS NR hAR	AR	androgen receptor	6.44						
	11	NVS ADME hCYP2B6	Cyp2B6	cytochrome P450, family 2, subfamily B, polypeptide 6	9.04						
Triflumizole (6869)	12	ATG PXRh C1S	NR1I2	nuclear receptor subfamily 1, group 1, member 2 (Pregnane X Receptor)	10						
Cyanamide (420-C)	13	BSK BE3C hLADR up	HLA-DRA	major histocompatibility complex, class II, DR alpha	13.33						
Azametaphos (3E)	14	BSK BE3C iIL1a up	IL1A	interleukin 1, alpha	13.33						
Dichlorophos (62-73)	15	NVS ADME hCYP3A5	CYP3A5	cytochrome P450, family 3, subfamily A, polypeptide 5	13.8						
Dimethoate (60-5)	16	ATG Ahr C1S	AHR	aryl hydrocarbon receptor	14						
	17	ATG NRf2 ARE C1S	NFE2L2	nuclear factor (erythroid-derived 2)-like 2	18						
	18	ATG PPRh C1S	PPARA	peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor alpha	18						
Disulfoton (298-0)	19	ATG PPRh C1S	PPARD	peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor delta	18						
Fenthion (55-38-9)	20	ATG PPRh C1S	PPARG	peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor gamma	18						
Fenthion (55-38-9)	21	NVS ADME hCYP2A1	Cyp2A1	cytochrome P450, family 2, subfamily A, polypeptide 1	18.3						
Malathion (121-75)	22	ATG ERE C1S	ESR1	estrogen receptor 1	26						
Parathion-methyl	23	ATG VDR C1S	VDR	vitamin D (1,25-dihydroxyvitamin D3) receptor	28						
Propetamphos (3)	24	ATG LXRA TRANS	NR1H3	nuclear receptor subfamily 1, group H, member 3 (Liver X receptor alpha)	33						
Tebupininfos (96)	25	ATG DRA LXh C1S	NR1H2	nuclear receptor subfamily 1, group H, member 2 (Liver X receptor beta)	34						
Tebupininfos (96)	26	ATG DRA LXh C1S	NR1H3	nuclear receptor subfamily 1, group H, member 3 (Liver X receptor alpha)	34						
Tribufos (78-48-8)	27	ATG ERa TRANS	ESR1	estrogen receptor 1	34						
Oxasulfuron (144)	28	ATG PPARg TRANS	PPARG	peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor gamma	36						
	29	ATG LXRA TRANS	NR1H2	nuclear receptor subfamily 1, group H, member 2 (Liver X receptor beta)	37						
	30	ATG LXRA TRANS	NR1H3	nuclear receptor subfamily 1, group H, member 3 (Liver X receptor alpha)	37						
	31	DMethomorph	Dimethomorph	Disulfoton	Dithiopyr	Emamectin benzoate	Ethalfuralin	Ethofumesate	Famoxadone	Fenit	Fenthion
Sulfosulfuron (141776-32-1)	32	sulfonylurea	CHR, rat, feed	2.4	1296.5				244	Naylor 1997	
Triasulfuron (82097-50-5)	33	sulfonylurea	SUB, rat, feed	10	1000		1000			Tai 1985	
Tribenuron-methyl (101200-48-0)	34	sulfonylurea	CHR, rat, feed	1.25	62.5				62.5	Tobia 1987	



ToxCast™ and ToxRefDB

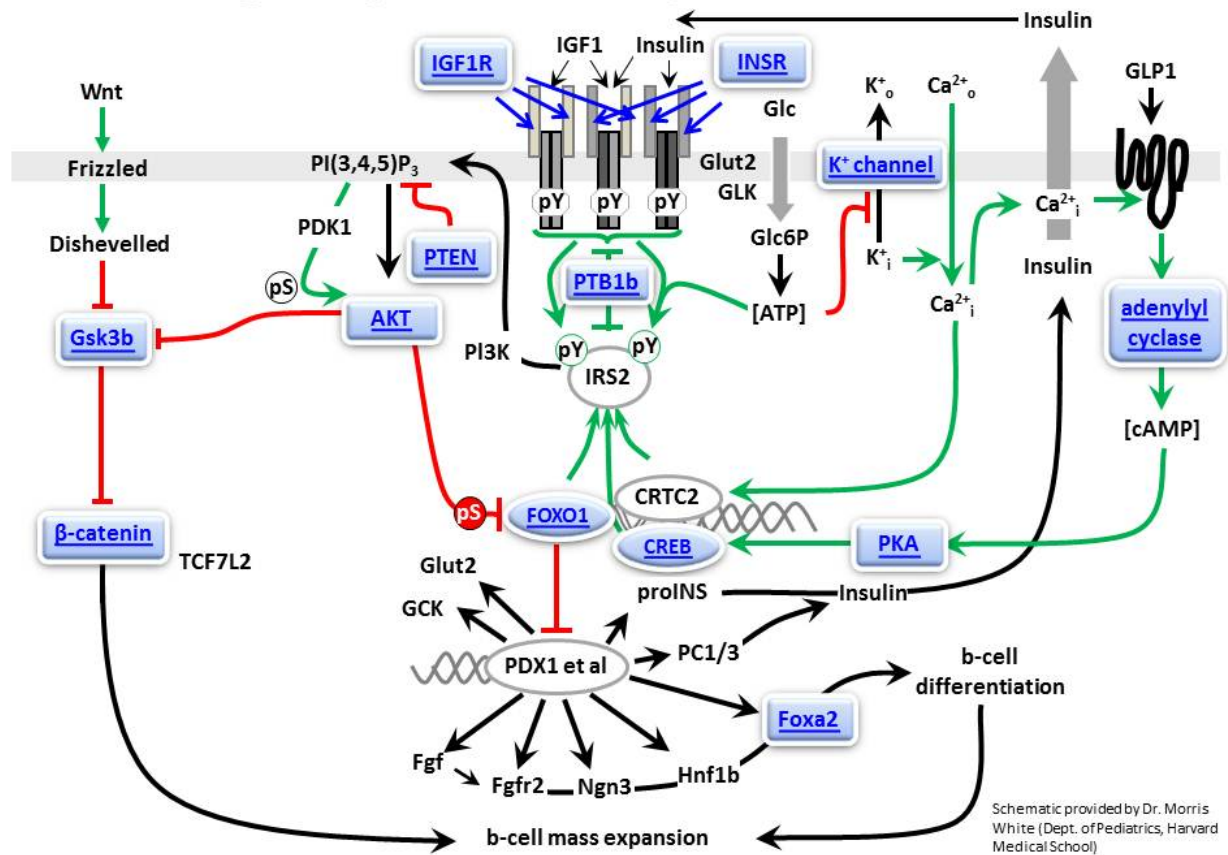
- ToxCast™ findings generally seemed to match strength of literature
 - Chemicals with strongest cases for biological plausibility would have been flagged, e.g., fentin and amitraz
 - Less consistent literature and less clear cut ToxCast “signal” for others, e.g., phthalates
- Provided biological support for organophosphate pesticides
- Suggested other chemicals should be tested based
 - “Hits” on signaling targets well-established to impact glucose homeostasis and adiposity, i.e., adrenergic receptors



Expert Input to Identify Most Relevant Tox21 Assay Targets

- Focus on biological processes
 - islet cell function, insulin sensitivity, adipocyte differentiation, feeding behavior
- Identify relevant assay targets already included in Tox21
- Identify assay targets to consider including

Insulin Signaling in Pancreatic β -Cells





Sample Output From Signaling Hyperlinks to ToxCastDB

GSK3b

You are here: EPA Home » National Center for Computational Toxicology » ToxCastDB » Assay

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Assay: Novascreen Human GSK3b

Assay ID: 914
Source: Novascreen
Source Name AID: NVS_ENZ_HGSK3b
Name: Novascreen Human GSK3b
Description: Human GSK3b Fluorescein-peptide
Number of Substances: 320
Number of Components: 1
Species: Homo sapiens

Parameters	
Parameter	Value
CATALOG NUMBER	200-0425
ASSAY CATEGORY	Enzyme Inhibition
ASSAY CATEGORY	In vitro (Biochemical)
ASSAY TARGET	GSK3b
ASSAY TARGET FAMILY	Kinase
ASSAY TARGET SOURCE	Recombinant
ASSAY GENE ID	2932
ASSAY GENE NAME	GSK3B
ASSAY TECHNOLOGY	Fluorescence-EMS
ASSAY REFERENCE COMPOUND	Staurosporine
ASSAY NOTE	KINASE
ASSAY SUBSTRATE NAME	CMOC group
ASSAY ATP CONCENTRATION (M)	NCCT_v2
ASSAY LIGAND NAME	1.5 E-06
ASSAY LIGAND CONCENTRATION (M)	1.20E-05
ASSAY BMAX	Fluorescein-peptide + ATP → Fluorescein-phosphopeptide + ADP

Data		
Name	CASRN	NVS_ENZ_HGSK3b (uM)
Mancozeb	8018-01-7	0.27
Maneb	12427-38-2	0.32
Metiram-zinc	9006-42-2	16.0

number of "actives" = 3

CREB

Assay: Attagene Factorial cis CRE

Assay ID: 16
Source: Attagene
Source Name AID: ATG_CRE_CIS
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Description: Factorial reporter gene assay
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Number of Components: 1
Species: Homo sapiens

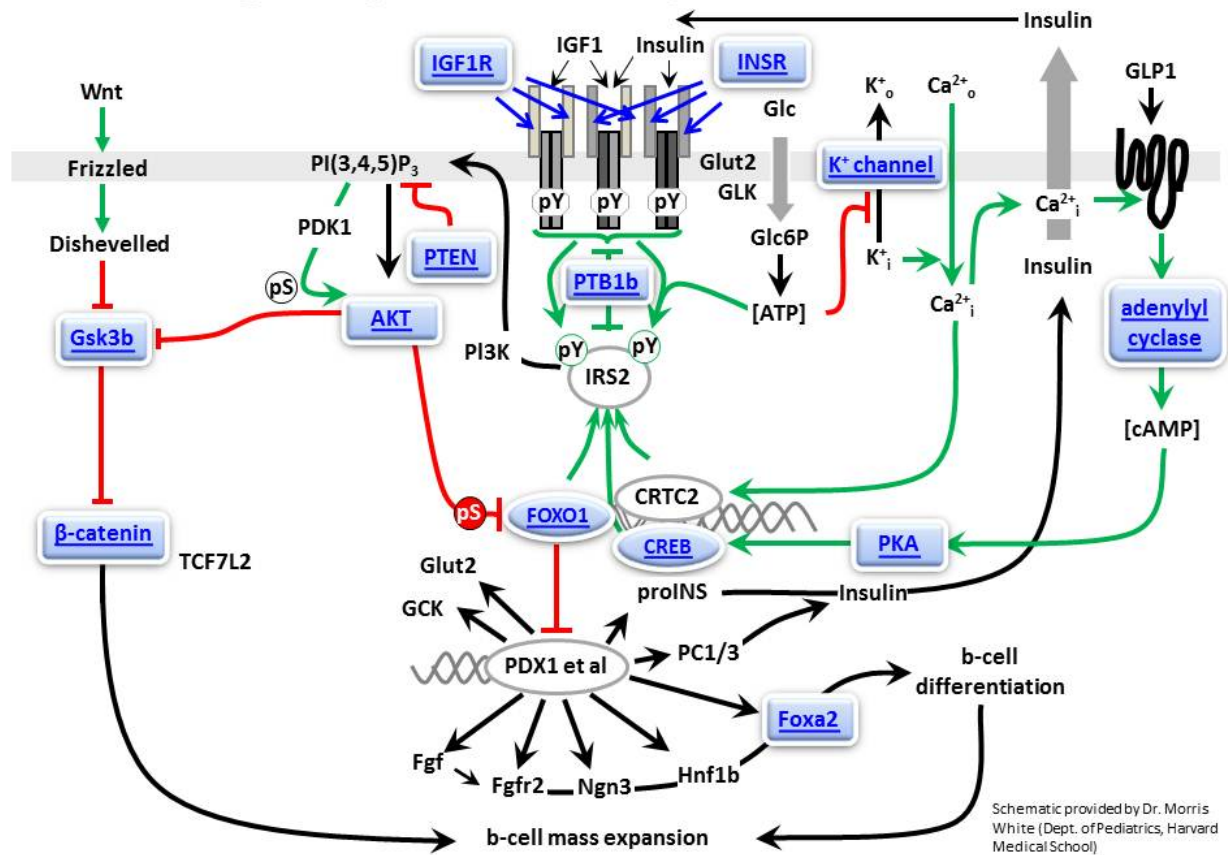
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ASSAY TARGET FAMILY	Transcription Factor
ASSAY TARGET SOURCE	Cell line
ASSAY TARGET SOURCE TYPE	HepG2
ASSAY GENE ID	10488
ASSAY GENE NAME	CREB3
ASSAY TECHNOLOGY	Reporter gene assay
ASSAY MODE	DNA sequencer
ASSAY REFERENCE COMPOUND	Forskolin cAMP
ASSAY NOTE	"Multiplexed reporter gene assay, cAMP, cGMP, NO receptor, GPCR pathways"

Data		
Name	CASRN	ATG_CRE_CIS (uM)
Alachlor	15972-60-8	3.4
Anilazine	101-05-3	59.0
Azinphos-methyl	86-50-0	27.0
Azoxystrobin	131860-33-8	46.0
Bendiocarb	22781-23-3	51.0
Bisphenol A	80-05-7	30.0
Bromoxynil	1689-84-5	40.0
Chlorpropham	101-21-3	31.0
Cyazotamid	120116-08-3	10.0
Cyprodinil	121552-81-2	23.0
Dazomet	533-74-4	49.0
Allethrin (d-cis,trans)	584-79-2	46.0
Dichloran	98-30-8	43.0

partial list:
number of total "actives" = 52

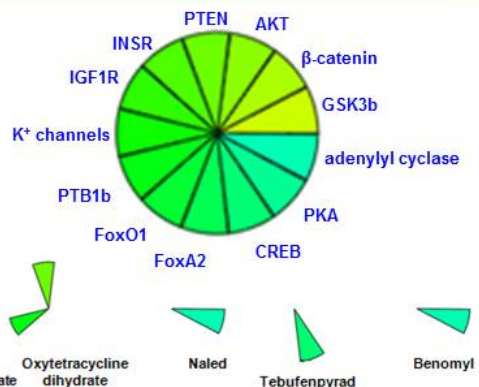
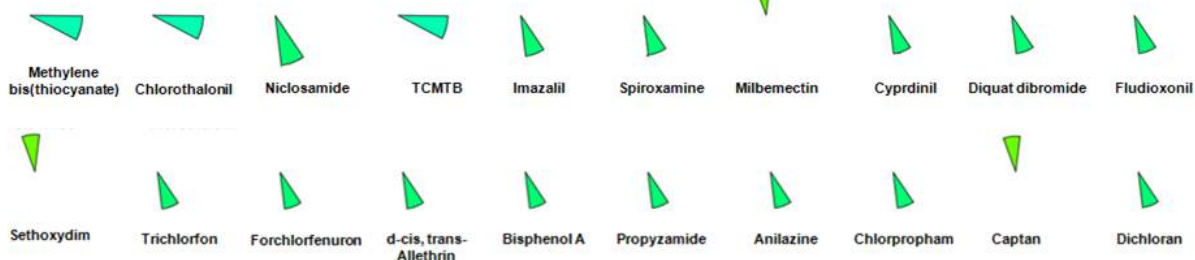
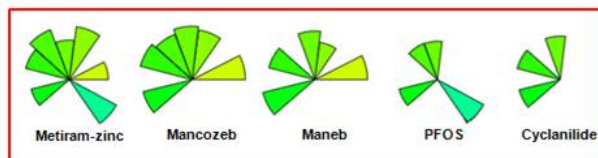
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Insulin Signaling in Pancreatic β -Cells





ToxPi™ for Insulin Signaling in Pancreatic β Cells- Top 30 from 309 Chemicals in ToxCast Phase I



<http://epa.gov/ncct/ToxPi/>



Targeted Testing Project

- Test HTS predictions in more physiological *in vitro* model systems*
 - Predicted “actives” and “inactives”

Islet cell function		Insulin sensitivity	Adipocyte differentiation	Feeding behavior	
A. Holloway*	M. White*	M. White	B. Blumberg* / J. Schlezinger*	D. Clegg (mammalian)	S. Srinivasan (C. elegans)*
Metiram-zinc	Mancozeb	Metiram-zinc	Tebupirimfos	Maneb	E. benzoate
Mancozeb	Metiram-zinc	Mancozeb	Prallethrin	Mancozeb	Fentin
Fentin	(Z,E)-Fenpyroximate	d-cis,trans-Allethrin	d-cis,trans-Allethrin	E. benzoate	Milbemectin
Milbemectin	Maneb	Spiroxamine	Fludioxonil	Metiram-zinc	Metiram-zinc
Maneb	Spiroxamine	Prallethrin	Cyazofamid	Bisphenol A	PFOS
HPTE	Imazalil	Niclosamide	Flusilazole	Milbemectin	Carbaryl
Chlorpyrifos oxon	Cyprodinil	PFOS	Fenthion	HPTE	HPTE
Cinmethylin	d-cis,trans-Allethrin	Tebufenpyrad	(Z,E)-Fenpyroximate	Cyazofamid	Amitraz
E. benzoate	Fipronil	Bromoxynil	Forchlorfenuron	Fentin	Chlorpyrifos oxon
Prochloraz	Thidiazuron	Cyclanilide	Fentin	Fluazinam	Chlorophene
Flusilazole	PFOS	Fentin	Tebufenpyrad	HPTE	Bendiocarb
Imazalil	Fludioxonil	Lactofen	Isazofos	Niclosamide	Naled
Chlorethoxyfos	Forchlorfenuron	Flusilazole	Dimethomorph	PFOS	Mancozeb
Bisphenol A	Trichlorfon	Quinoxifen	Triadimefon	Chlorothalonil	Flusilazole
Naled	3-iodo-2-propynyl	Diclofop-methyl	Diazinon	Fenthion	Thiocarb



Top Insulin-Sensitivity Gene Targets not in Tox21 (Morris White)

- Insulin receptor substrate-1 (IRS1)
- Insulin receptor substrate-2 (ISR2)
- Transcription factor 7-like 2 (TCF7L2)
- Phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase (PI3K)
- Phosphatase and tensin homolog (pTEN)
- Glucose transporter 2 (GLUT2)



Conclusions & NTP Follow-Up Activities

- General support for:
 - Plausibility of “obesogen” hypothesis
 - Linkage of diabetes to certain chemical exposures
 - Type 1 diabetes largely unexplored
 - Common mechanistic basis for certain chemical classes
- Follow-up
 - Submitting technical papers to Environmental Health Perspectives
 - Utilization of Tox21 approaches to identify substances of potential interest, i.e., targeted testing project
 - Assess human exposure to organotins
 - Assess ability to investigate environmental exposures in ongoing cohort studies
 - Meta Data Viewer as screening tool for human studies

